

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE**  
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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following action:

**John B. Byrd, M.D.**, a 64 year-old family physician who formerly practiced medicine in Northwood, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges dismissed by the Board. On November 13, 2008, the Board charged Dr. Byrd with substance abuse and violating the terms and conditions of an Initial Agreement that he entered into with the Iowa Physician Health Program (IPHP). The Board subsequently received information which indicates that Dr. Byrd passed away on October 27, 2008.

**Garry M. Goodlett, M.D.**, a 58 year-old family physician from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, voluntarily surrendered his Iowa medical license to resolve a pending disciplinary matter. On March 12, 2008, the Board charged Dr. Goodlett with inappropriately prescribing controlled substances and other medications to numerous individuals without performing appropriate physical examinations and without maintaining appropriate medical records. On August 6, 2008, Dr. Goodlett entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve the pending disciplinary charges. Dr. Goodlett was placed on probation for a period of three years, he was also ordered to complete a prescribing and record keeping course and he was issued a public reprimand and ordered to pay a \$2,500 fine.

**James S. Ross, M.D.**, a 55 year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced medicine in Clarksville, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him by the Board. On December 18, 2008, the Board charged Dr. Ross for being disciplined in Virginia, engaging in unprofessional conduct and being convicted of a felony. On January 17, 2007, Dr. Ross was arrested and charged with unlawfully distributing OxyContin, a controlled substance, without a legitimate medical purpose in violation of Virginia law. Dr. Ross allegedly exchanged the OxyContin with a police informant for what he believed to be crack cocaine. On April 13, 2007, Dr. Ross pleaded guilty to one count of Illegally Distributing a Schedule III Controlled Substance and he agreed to; voluntarily surrender his controlled substance privileges to the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, permanently surrender his Virginia medical license, and never practice medicine again. On July 5, 2007, Dr. Ross permanently surrendered his Virginia medical license. A hearing has been scheduled on March 10, 2009.